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### DEMAND EXPLANATION OF TANGLED MASS MARSHAL HINDENBURG

No Reply Yet Made, However, as to His Plan for New Front Six Miles Behind Neutral Zone Fixed by Armistice—People's League Formed in Berlin.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has telegraphed the Berlin government advising it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral zone fixed by the armistice, according to a dispatch to Le Journal from Zurich today.

The government has asked the field marshal for an explanation, adds the dispatch, but has not yet received a reply.

It is also announced that two regiments of the active army will be sent to Frankfort-on-the-Main at an early date.

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Hold Elections Jan. 19. Berlin, Thursday, Dec. 19.—(A. P.)
—The congress of soldiers' and
workmen's council has decided that
elections to the national assembly clections to the national assembly The center party has been shall be held Jan. 19. Those opposed to a conference which w to the summoning of a national as- at Frankfort on Dec. 30.

firmation of them as yet.

To Fight Socialists.

Copenhagen, Dec. 20,—Dr. Gustav
Strezmann, leader of the national
liberal party in Germany, has announced that the German people's
party, in which he has been active
since the revolution, is absolutely opposed to social democracy and will
fight the socialist rulers, according
to Berlin newspapers received here.

The center party has been summoned
to a conference which will be held

**GERMAN SOLDIERS MAKE** 

DEMANDS OF CONGRESS

WANT SUPREME COUNCIL OF ELECTED DEPUTIES. Chaos Reigned as Immediate Action Was Urged-Government Endangered.

deputies from all Germany, diers' councils which should

and disarming of officers. The pro-hibited marks were distinctive marks of rank to apply to all ranks as soon as all the returning troops laid down

Stormy Discussion.

A stormy discussion followed, arising out of the independents requiring an immediate decision on these de-

The extreme radicals were in th

terday except the Vorwaerts, Tage-lische Rundschau and Kreuz Zeitung Vorwaerts says a danger exists tha

minority, but chaos reigned in congress. Berlin papers did not appear yes

## FLÍES LONDON TO INDIA London, Dec. 19.—The air ministry announces the landing at Calcutta of Maj.-Gen. Salmond, whose flight from Cairo to Delhi in a Handley-Paige machine was announced on Dec. 13. This airplane had previously been flown in England and took an active part in the final operation against the Turks on the Palestine front. The distance of the route from Cairo to Calcutta, via Bagdad, Bushire, Bandar, Arbas, Charbah and Karachi, is about 3,950 miles, the last stage, from Delhi to Calcutta, measuring 750 miles. The Handley-Paige machine Carthusian, piloted by Maj. Maclaren, which Gen. Macewen is flying from London to India, has reached Pisa. PEACE AIMS OF ITALY OUTLINED

President Discusses Coming Conference With King Emmanuel.

OPPOSED TO VIOLENCE

Orlando Says Envoys Will Reach Agreement on World's Peace.

World's Peace.

Paris, Dec. 20.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson conferred today with Premier Orlando of Italy and Baron Sonnino, the Italiah foreign minister. This conference was regarded as the most important up to date.

It is now understood that there will be no interallied conferences until after the first of January.

Spain on Hand.

Premier Romanones of Spain arrived here today, but at the time of his arrival he had no appointment to meet the American president.

The utmost cordiality marked the visit of the Italian premier and foreign minister to the "Paris White House." President Wilson was already conversant with Italy's peace aims, as they had previously been outlined in cablegrams from Rome. The details were explained today.

It is understood that the American presidents are conventioned in a special continuation. aims, as they had previously been outlined in cablegrams from Rome. The details were explained today. It is understood that the American peace commissioners are none too well pleased with what appears to be an effort in some quarters to bring up political questions. In Berlin, One member of this deputation spoke, declaring that the troops supported the government whose object was the creation of a socialist republic. The cluding that of a supreme soldiers council to be composed of elected

Come With Open Minds. The delegates who will sit with the president at the round table are taking steps to make it plain that to the practice in the navy; prohibition of marks distinctive of ranks, and disarming of officers. The proa program to which he is already seled by some of his advisers to reply to criticism of his peace princi-ples uttered in debate in the Ameri-

can senate.

Big Question Involved.

On the big international questions involved in the settlement of the war the president has taken the stand of ognizing nations as a whole with-taking cognizance of the various political groups within them. The program for the immediate

It is understood now that England.

France and Italy will be represented at the formal conference with five delegates in the conference with five off. delegates, just as the United States will be. The other nations being repat the parley will have

as possible so that it can be changed

naller delegations. During their conversation, in which King Victor Emmanuel howed that he had an excellent command of the English language. outlined. The meeting was marked by its cordiality. President Wilson met the king at the threshold. Because of the plethora of engage ments, the luncheon at which th president was to be the guest of Foreign Minister Pinchon was indef-initely postponed. Criticism over the arrive earlier from London is en-tirely unwarranted, it was pointed out here today. He was compelled to remain in London to complete the organization of the British parlia-ment from a majority which hinged

on the outcome of recent elections in the British isles. the absence of the English seace representatives and the presand the Italian premier, attention to Italy's peace claim is being empha-

Premier Orlando assured President Wilson that Italy has but mod-est claims to make and that she is to adhere to the famous fourteen principles in the settlement. Obsta-cles are foreseen, but the Italian pre-mier believes that there are none that cannot be overcome in the pre-

ourselves and shall not use it against others," declared Premier Orlando, "We believe that the allies will approach a settlement with the clintention to agree to world peace. The Italian envoys express the belief that a settlement should be brought about at the earliest possi-

BUTTER AS LUBRICANT.
The Hague—(N. E. A.)—Butter as a lubricant was the way the proiteers evaded the food regulations eers evaded the food regulations in a German states. Food regulations in diplaced a maximum price on the side of butter, but the rich found a ay round it. No limit had been aced on lubricating material by the vernment, and as a result those with oney were able to obtain all the butter they wanted at fabulous prices, they wanted at fabulous prices, they wanted at material. ON HOG ISLAND

Probe Fails to Develop, Any Clear Explanation of Discrepancies.

NO CRIMINAL INTENT

Commission to Determine Necessity of Heavy Expenditures.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The long-awaited report of the department of justice on the government's great Hog Island shipbuilding project made public at the White House to-day on wireless instructions from President Wilson, says searching investigation has disclosed no criminal liabilities, but recommends that a board of arbitration determine what part, if any, of the more than \$60,-000,000 plant cost was in excess of reasonable necessity and should be demanded of the contractors by the government. In brief, the investi-

gators report:
No Criminal Intent.
That the facts do not justify critical process and that no fraud or cret profits have been established. That the probable cost of the pewill be about \$61,000,000 (including \$6,000,000 for additions by order of the emergency fleet corporation) compared with an original estimate of \$21,000,000 and a revised estimate of \$27,000,000.

Organized Riot.

That he clear explanation of this discrepancy has been forthcoming; that prior to Feb. 1 last a condition existed at Hog Island which, "superficially at least, would impress any-one as an 'organized riot,' 'tangled mass' or 'stage of chaos;' that the contracter, or agent of the American International corporation, in sub-stance, has taken the position that since this was a war job, cost was of minor importance; and that the question of reasonableness of the expenditures should be referred to a board of arbitration provided for in the contract, proceedings to be closed if the board finds the expen-ditures reasonably necessary, or oth-erwise payment of the excess to be

criment Engangered.

(London Times Phil, Ledger Cop. Cable.)
The Hague, Dec. 19.—At Tuesday's sitting of the soldiers' and workmen's council in Berlin a congress group of about thirty soldiers appeared before the chairman's tribune. All carried boards inscribed with the names of military detachments in Berlin. One member of this denutation spoke de-

the plant had delivered one ship and laid fifty keels.

Charges of Graft.

The department of justice investigation began last February, when President Wilson asked the attorney-general to get in consultation with Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, "about the whole matter the diplomatic corps was being reboard, "about the whole matte with a view to instituting criminal proceedings in case the facts justify it." Charges of graft and gross waste had been made in an inquiry conducted by the senate commerce committee and Mr. Hurley had written to the president and to Mr. Gregory, saying there was "serious disganization and negligence at Hog Island" and that he desired the aid of the attorney-general in investi-

The investigators worked from February until July and then prepared their report, which was the attorney-general under transmittal to the president is dated Sept. 21. Since then there been demands in congress for blication of the report. The understanding has been that publication was delayed pending an agree-ment between the department of justice and Chairman Hurley as to the causes of delay as shown by the in-

000 each. The agreement was that upon completion of the ships the

fleet corporation might purchase the land at cost, failing which the con-tractor might purchase the plant at

a value to be fixed by appraisal failing which the government would

scrap the plant and remove it. The

fleet corporation placed an order for seventy additional steel ships, esti-

nated to cost \$1,650,000 each, calling

for longer ways and piers, and also

Nov. 27 the contractor revised the

estimate of yard construction cost, adding \$2,750,000 on account of the additional seventy ships and \$3,250,-

000 on account of unfavorable sub-soil conditions, costly labor and nec-

essary extensions of the plant. On May 7 an order for sixty more ships

to cost \$1,425,000 each was placed. All of the 180 ships were to be com-pleted by Aug. 4, 1919. The contract-

ing company's compensation for building both the yard and the ships

was fixed at a percentage of the esti-mated cost of the ships, with pre-

miums for early delivery or savings in cost and penalties for delayed de-

liveries or increased cost. The maximum fee under this arrangement would be \$14,400,000 and the minimum fee \$8,910,000. Mr. Piez testified yesterday that to date the com-

pany had been paid nothing. Al-though the contract was made with

the American International corpora-

tion, the report says there was an unwritten obligation publicly admit-ted by all parties to consider the engineering firm of Stone & Web-

corporation as jointly interested in

arate corporation, the American In-

nore shop and storage capacity.

estimated cost of constructing yard was \$21,000,000. On Oct. 27

Because there is no government quiry.

The report describes at the outcapable of negotiating, danger, set the contract entered into by says, also exists of Germany's occu pation by entente troops. Gen Scheuch has tendered his resignation emergency fleet corporation on Sept. 13, 1917, under which the American as war minister owing to insults from International corporation of New York agreed to purchase 846 acres officers and his trability to administer the office. His resignation has no yet been accepted and he will con-tinue in office until his successor is of land at Hog Island, to be utilize for the purpose of the contract upon a 6 per cent, rental basis, to build on this tract with funds furnished by the emergency fleet corporation shippard of fifty ways and to con-struct with funds supplied from the ame source fifty or more steel cargo ships at an estimated cost of \$1,100.

### TUGS GO TO AID SHIP

Two U. S. Shipping Board Steamers in Distress.
Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Three Savannah tuga have gone to the aid of two United States shipping board steamers that are in distress. The location of one of them is unknown, but the other is ashore on Sapelo shoals. The steamship Boliston, Galveston to Savannah for cotton, sent a wireless message to Savannah late yesterday asking that she be met in Tybee roads last night as the vessel was in distress. The Boliston had not arrived at Tybee at noon and the tug Regis was sent out to look for her.

The steamship Bedminster is ashore on Sapelo shoals. The weather is very ugly and the situation is a perilous one for the ship. The tuga Cynthia and Paulsen left the harbor last night to go to the assistance of the Redminister.

S. O. S. Received.

A telegram from Brunswick states that an S. O. S. Seizend was received.

A telegram from Brunswick states that an S. O. S. signal was received by wireless from the Bedminster. The message asked for immediate breaking up and turning over. "Con-dition pitiable," the message said. The steamship Bollston reported by wireless early this afternoon. It will be off Tybee bar this afternoon.
40-Mile Gale at Meridian.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 20.—Meridian was visited this morning by a forty-The east wall of the Lauder-About seventy-five people were at work on the looms, but J. H. Watson, loom fixer, was the only person in-jured. Telegraph and telephone wires were interrupted by falling

trees and poles.
Cypress Rescues Crew.
Charleston, S. C., Dec. 20.—About
2:40 p.m. a wireless message was received at the sixth naval district neadquarters from the lighthou tender Cypress to the effect that the Cypress was in the vicinity of the steamer Bedminster and was taking off the crew. The Bedminster left Charleston about Nov. 20. **NEW COMMANDER AT CHICKAMAUGA** 



Brig.-Gen. William S. Scott, who assumed command of all troops at kamauga Park yesterday. The photo was snapped by the signal corps men Bordeaux, France, where the general was in command of important port iks as commander of base section No. 2. The aldes in the picture are juts. Ellis and Hicks.

### **VILL SUPPORT** JUST ACTION

Wilson Tells Italian Officials **Regarding Legitimate Claims** of Their Nation.

GREETS KING VICTOR

American Mission Settling Down to Work-Organiza. tion Gradually Completed.

Paris, Dec. 20 .- President Wilson spent the most of today conferring with Italian statesmen and considering the claims that Italy will lay before the peace conference.

Early in the day Mr. Wilson conferred for some time with Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister

erwise payment of the excess to be demanded by the government."

The report, which is dated Sept. 12, 1918, also stated that the plant would be completed in September; that the contract substantially was being compiled with and that the controversy hinged "not so much upon means, methods and expenditures," but attached is a letter from the investigators, dated Sept. 21, which the attorney-general transmitted to the president, referring to press reports that the program is falling behind schedule and calling attention to the fact that the report was based upon conditions as they appeared early in July.

General Manager Picz, of the emergency fleet corporation, appearing yetterday before the senate compared in about sixty days; that the cost would be about \$53,200,000, and that the plant had delivered one ship and laid fifty keels.

Charges of Graft.

ceived, a committee from the French senate waited to formally welcome the president to France and give ex-pression to the cordial sentiments and bonds of friendship between the

wo republics.

Paris took another holiday today because of the arrival of King Emmanuel and his son, the Prince Piedmont. The reception given Italian sovereign was not as large as that which marked the arrival of Mr. Wilson, but it was fully as en thusiastic

thusiastic.
King of Italy Cordial.
The cordiality shown at the meeting between Mr. Wilson and King Victor Emmanuel Yesterday was a subject of much comment by those who were present. The president had been somewhat concerned as to the been somewhat concerned as to the event, not knowing that the Italian king speaks English. After the exchange of greetings, the two statesmen came to a mutual understanding, and during their conversation they could be seen to be smiling and gesticulating in the most friendly manner.

Now Week in Europe. Mr. Wilson's first week in Francis drawing to a close, with his advisers feeling that much has been ac complished in a preliminary ward establishing personal with statesmen with wh with statesmen with whom the American delegation will have to deal. Organization is now appearing out of the confusion which prevailed during the first few days after the president's arrival. Various sections of the American mission are settling of the American mission are settling down to the work which must be done before the early part of Jan-uary, when the first sessions of the peace conference are held.

### ENGULFED IN RUMORS

Worst of Reports Come From Capita Itaelf.

(London Times-Phil. Ledger Cop. Cable.)
Frankfert, Germany, Dec. 12.—Germany seems engulfed in a hopeless for of rumors, the worst of which comfrom Berlin, I find that the story of the plundering of Frankfort to be untrue and also that the movement to split the Rhineland and Westphalifrom the rest of Germany is legendary. There is a desire for a national assembly due to anxiety to settle down a soon as possible and thereby satisf, Marshal Foch and also get food quickly. The people think a speedy peace with help maintain the popular illusion is general even in some intelligent circles Frankfort is orderly and some taxe are being collected. Worst of Reports Come From Capita

#### Rain, Says Billy 'Possum. I thought the cli-



max had been When trouser were employed bring from The drink we've But here is one A woman from

Scemed passing stout because she

And though she walked so gingerly, Her careful footsteps stuc And it was found plumb full of booze

MISS WILSON WILL
SING TO DOUGHBOYS
Paris, Dec. 20.—Miss Margaret' Wilson, daughter of the
American president, left Paris
this morning for another concert tour. Miss Wilson, who
has been singing at entertainments all along the American
front, has made a big hit with
the soldiers, who are loud in

front, has made a big hit with the seldiers, who are loud in their praise of her. She wil-lingly sacrificed her own Christmas plans, asking the entertainment branch of the Y. M. C. A. to send her to the point where they thought the doughboys might be most lone-some.

were heard on all sides that the con-tending parties would throw the others out. Some members tried to recitement and rage did not subside until the exhaustion of the shouters.
Hindenburg "a Thorn."

The meeting was characterized by violent attack on Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and the supreme army command. A delegate from Mainz spoke of Von Hindenburg as a Herr Barth's speech consisted of a series of attacks on the supreme army command, and he spoke of the dan ger of a military camarilla. He declearness that a government was developing. He had already at the beginning declared the present hour would bring a decision con-cerning his remaining in the govern-

lowed him, said one could not cooperate with a man like Herr Barth unless guarantees were given against the situation which might eventually arise through his action. Otherwise he and his colleagues of the majority socialists must consider whether they

It was clear the great majority was on Ebert's side. The Frankfurter Nachrichten says majority of the Berlin regiments have adopted resolutions in support of the Haase-Ebert government and for the summoning of a national as-sembly. The Frankfurter Zeitung's Berlin correspondent says this is im-portant in connection with Dr. Liebknecht's summons to a general strike in order to overthrow the govern-

Troops in the barracks are circularized to rally around the government for the decisive struggle for power announced by Dr. Liebknecht and make the conclusion of peace possible to Germany. Soldiers' coun-cils of nearly all Berlin and Potsdam regiments have passed resolutions in this sense and demand that the government take over all machine guns and munitions in the great armament works. According to the Lokal Anzeiger, the executive council of terday and make way for a new exto be elected by the congress of workers' and soldiers' councils.

### SOME CONGESTION

However, Postmaster's Plans for Holl-days Working Smoothly.

Postmaster Howell states that the holiday mail is a few days late in get-ting started this year, and consequently more or less congestion will result.

# MILE TERRITORY

Occupation of Bridgehead Across Rhine Completed. Food Appears Plentiful.

ONLY POOR SUFFERING

Gross Overeating of German Rich to Be Restricted to Lessen Relief Burden.

(London Times Phil. Ledger Cop. Cable.)
(By Perry Robinson.)
With the British Armies, Dec. 19.—

The occupation of our eighteen-mile bridgehead across the Rhine has been completed without incident. I have visited our advanced positions on the frontier territory north and northeast of Cologne. At each place, such as Benrath, Hilden, Ohligh and Solingen, I found our cavalry posts already going about their work as if they had lived there for weeks, the population accepting their presence with singular unconcern.

Sometimes one catches the eye of a man or woman which is ablaze with hatred. How could it be otherwise? But I have met with no single discourteous word or gesture in Germany. Half the people seem curious and the other half indifferent. The children cheer the British troops and not seldom wave their hands.

Baffled by Luxury.

In Solingen everywhere one is baffled by the appearance of plenty, even luxury, in the shops and confectioners' windows. Yet the people complain of the slenderness of ration and are honestly uneasy over the a man or woman which is ablaze

RAGE DIED WITH

EXHAUSTION

Whirlwind of Excitement in Berlin Soldiers' and Work-men's Congress.

REVOLT LONG PLANNED

Ledebour Attacks 2 bert.

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Tegroups Abuse One Another, Verging on Pistfights.

Ledebour Attacks 2 bert.

The German as a nation were always grown of the limber polities of th and are honestly uneasy over the immediate outlook. The army had enormous stocks of food in the areas

Repeated threats universal among the pooret classes sides that the conand is one of the chief causes of popular discontent in Germany tombers tried to reday. Hatred against the hamster, it privily to the gluttonous rich, and of the hamster's patrons is the strongest of all the mixed elements the hardships of the poor to whose cry, whatever our contempt for the rich may be, we shall respond in hu-

Would Tamper With Troops. Something like an organized effort is being made to tamper with our troops through agents who lived in England and now make friends with our men and preach bolshevist docsmallest success, but it is a thing that needs dealing with firmly. A ceremony small but significant took place when the commander-in-chief of the British armies met the

British allied war correspondents at Hohenzollern bridge across the Rhine and said good-by. It was a formal recognition of the fact that the war correspondent's work was done. Field Marshal Haig stood below the great statue of the kaiser in all his pompousness as war lord, with his head still turned away from the unpleasant scene going on below. marshal, after greeting each correspondent, made a short speech to each group, British, allied, neutrals and Americans in turn, thanking them for their services. Saying goodby, he presented each correspondent with a Union Jack.

French Anxious.
The Italians and the French are

plainly anxious to fix a program as ed that the political affairs in England are such as to compel the delay in the coming of the British delegates. The informal preliminary conferences cannot be course, until the British envoys ar-There is some confusion over

program of the president's visit to England, but it is now believed that he will journey to London before the first of the year. President

Washington before March 4, when the present congressional session will expire. This is a constitutional necessity. In view of the newly developing situation, the American excutive may postpone his visit to Rome, going to that city on his way

### ALLIES HOLD 18- GERMANY'S SYMPATHY-DRIVE NOT ENCOURAGED

Acting Secretary of State Polk in Receipt of the Unofficial Text of Latest Note-Saiad to Be Designed to Creat False Sympathy Among Americans - Not to Be Published.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Germany's sympathy drive is to receive no encouragement from this country.

This was made plain today when it was stated that Germany's latest note to the United States would not be made public. While the communication has not been officially delivered, acting Secretary of State Polk let it be known today that the state department had come into possession of the unofficial text.

"There is nothing new in it, and there is no necessity for making it public," declared the acting secre-

SPANISH PRIEMER IN PARIS TO MEET WILSON Paris, Dec. 20.—Count Ro-manones, the Spanish premier, arrived in Paris today. He comes for conferences with Fresident Wilson and representatives of the allies.

Commenting upon the desire of the Spanish premier to secure participation in the peace conference for Spain, the Petit

conference for Spain, the Petit Parisien remarks that the problem is most complex and delicate. It adds:
"Count Romanones, whose attitude has been constantly sympathetic toward the en-tente, will certainly be given, a good reception in Paris."

6 tubercular, 1 mental case and 884 requiring no special attention,

The transport Manchuria Brest, carrying 158 officers and 4,007 men, also arrived today. She carries 13 officers and 52 men of the tion. That one class should pamper of the 116th field artillery; 51 officers itself to waste the common stock of and 1,452 men of the 117th field artillery; 10 officers and 98 men of the fer and then throw on us the burden of feeding those poor is obviously grossly unjust, but it does not lessen men of headquarters company, 62nd men of headquarters company, 62nd infantry brigade; 10 casual officers and 966 sick and wounded.

Another arrival was the White

Star liner Megantic from Liverpoo among whose 310 passengers were number of American, Australian and M. C. A., and Red Cross workers, A our men and preach bolshevist doctrines to them. The authorities of col. Hugo Pinearcllo and Lieut. Our army are aware of what is being done and there is no evidence their efforts will be likely to meet with the smallest success, but it is a thing that needs dealing with firmly.

Dock at Newport News. Newport News, Va., Dec. 20.—The transports Martha Washington and Mercury docked here today with 5,720 officers and men, including 600 officers and men. wounded. The ret wounded. The returning soldiers were paraded from the debarkation piers to Camps Stewart and Hill and received a royal welcome. which arrived today included: The 118th field artillery, 1.513 mer and 58 officers; the 102d, 103d, 104th The field and 107th casuals companies, 550 ch corremen; First marine aviation force, speech to 600 men and 114 officers (flyers);

headquarters company, 116th field ar tillery, 5 officers and 151 men; First unit of 25th division cadre to return, officers and noncommissioned officers The 118th field artillery, command of Col. John G. Butle came on the Martha Washington.

Georgia, Illinois, Michigan. The 118th is made up of drafted men from thirty-eight states and did strenuous fighting in the Toul sector. They were men of the June draft. The majority of the men come from Georgia, Illinois and Michigan.

The Mercury brought four com-Col. Boschen. These men were in the front line in the strenuous fighting in the Argonne.

The First marine aviation force

who were in the thick of the fight Mercury.

### **BOYS DRIVEN TO SEA**

home. If this program is adopted, and the port instead of a French or British port.

However, the presidential plans been definitely fixed.

There has been much speculation as to the part that Russia may play in the peace negotiations. Many liftish politicians favor joint action by the allied nations in settling the different problems presented by this country. In this connection it is understood that Col. E. M. House has been asked to define President Wilson's attitude on Russia, but replied that he was unable to do so.

Forced to Swin Nearly Mile to Guiff Coast.

Quarantine, La., Dec. 20.—Murray Humphreys and Warren Aggregard, 17-year-old Biloxi youths, who last Saturday were driven out to sea while making a trip from Guliport to Biloxi, and who swam mearly a mile to land yesterday were reported today to be recovering from the effects of their hardships. The boys are under a physician's core at Chateau Canard, a hunting lodge near here owned by Jos. Leiter, Chicago millionaire.

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### RUSSIAN ISSUE TO FOREFRONT

British Paper Gives That Reason of Wilson's Sud denly Changed Plan.

FOUR DAYS IN LONDO

For that reason the conference going on between the president Premier Orlando, of Italy, and I with Premier Lloyd George in L don, have an important bearing this preliminary adjustment. Recalls Viscount's Report. London, Dec. 20,-The correspondent of the Mar Guardian suggests that Pre-Wilson's sudden determinatio o consult the British government

garding the Russian situation 1 the preliminaries to the peace ference. The correspondent poli-the presence in London of koff, former Russian foreign and leader of the constitu democrats. He also calls att in this connection to Wednesd statement by Viscount Milner. secretary for war, on the Ru situation, which he says was dently intended to prepare the lie for events to come. "Rumors of an advanced against Russia are growing the correspondent continues, feeling, not only in labor qui

but in commercial quarters also, become very tense about our adventure in Russia. The impetu the allied movement is believ come from London, not Paris. bolshevikl and reconstruct Rashe takes a further share, must

### **BIG LIQUOR HAUL**

Revenue Officers Capture Five Men Lot of Booze. Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Kent and Tennessee agents of the fi department of justice, co-operati prevent the violation of the Reed dry act, today made a big ha Louisville and Nashville train m 33, between Lexington and Kno Five men were arrested enroute and last night were in custody and last night were in custody at the federal building awaiting a hourse before Commissioner Thornburgh to morrow. The prisoners are: J. R. Bervers, of Copper Hill, Tenn.; Cecil Sugene Webb, Atlanta; M. Judge, Macon Ga.; W. P. Brown, of Ashaville "Rock" Williams, of Knoxville, tween 150 and 200 quarts were simulated also a number of travelling cases extaining whisky, but for which a country with the country of the country

### **COMING HOME**

Congressman John H. Moon to Holidays.

Congressman John Austin Me expected home tomorrow to spet holidays at home. Judge Moon is completed and introduced his postoffice appropriation bill. His mendation for \$358,000,000 will the senate for its concurrence.

### ATTACK ON FINLAND

Bolshevik Forces Scatter Mines I of Finland.

London, Dec. 20.—Bolshevik feet preparing to attack Finland, not an Exchange Telegraph of from Copenhagen today. The red are scattering nines in the Crintand and concentrating tree the frontier, the disjusted adds.

# ble moment on account of the eco-nomic and internal sitaution, which, in the interests of the people, should be cleared up as quickly as possible,